

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: ptim02_2

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1900535.000

Medium: Image File

Producer: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 07 January 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 07 January 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The image depicts a young girl being engaged in a sexual act with a man. The image can only be for the purpose of arousing those with a sexual interest in young girls. It encourages viewers to regard young girls as freely available for adult sexual use, and legitimises them as appropriate subjects for adult sexual attention. The availability of such material encourages and reinforces this interest. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993 be banned. It also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.